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LISTING OF THE CLAIMS

1-20. Cancelled.

(New) A system that monitors physiological states, comprising:
a power supply;

a resonant circuit that induces an oscillating magnetic field in response to receiving energy from the power supply and that provides a signal characteristic of a power loss of the resonant circuit due to a volume of interest of a human subject in the magnetic field where the resonant circuit does not surround a perimeter of the human subject; and

a detector that detects the signal, wherein the signal is used to monitor a physiological state of the human subject.

- (New) The system of claim 21, wherein the entire resonant circuit resides within a subportion of a front side of a clothes worn by the subject.
- 23. (New) The system of claim 21, the resonant circuit, comprising: a coil having conductors, wherein the resonant circuit is integrated into an insulating fabric carrier and the conductors are interwoven with threads of the insulating fabric carrier.
- (New) The system of claim 21, wherein the resonant circuit is integrated into a bandage affixed to the human subject.
- 25. (New) The system of claim 21, further comprising: a second resonant circuit that induces a magnetic field in a reference volume of the subject and that provides a second signal characteristic a state of the reference volume.
- 26. (New) The system of claim 25, wherein the volume of interest is an extremity of interest of the human subject and the reference volume is a known healthy complementary extremity of

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the human subject, and a comparison of the signal and the second signal is used to monitor a health of the extremity of interest relative to the reference extremity.

- (New) The system of claim 21, wherein the signal is characteristic of blood flow of the human subject.
- 28. (New) The system of claim 21, wherein the signal is characteristic of edema.
- 29. (New) The system of claim 21, wherein the volume of interest is a human heart.
- (New) The system of claim 21, wherein the signal is characteristic of a respiration rate of the human subject.
- (New) The system of claim 21, wherein the resonant circuit is integrated into clothing worn by the subject.
- 32. (New) The system of claim 21, wherein the resonant circuit is integrated into a bed sheet.
- 33. (New) The system of claim 21, wherein the resonant circuit is integrated into furniture.
- 34. (New) The system of claim 21, further comprising: an alarm that generates an alarm signal based on the detected signal.
- 35. (New) A method for monitoring physiological states, comprising:

placing a resonant circuit near a volume of interest of a human subject so that a magnetic field produced by the resonant circuit induces an electric field in the volume of interest, wherein the resonant circuit is located only on a front side of the subject;

detecting a signal produced by the resonant circuit, wherein the signal is characteristic of a power loss of the resonant circuit due to the volume of interest; and

using the detected signal to determine a physiological state of the subject.

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- (New) The method of claim 35, wherein the resonant circuit is part of clothing worn by the subject.
- 37. (New) The method of claim 35, wherein conductors of the resonant circuit are interwoven with threads of an insulating fabric carrier worn by the subject.
- 38. (New) The method of claim 35, wherein the resonant circuit is integrated into a bandage worn by the human subject.
- 39. (New) The method of claim 35, further comprising: comparing the signal with a second signal characteristic of a normal state of the subject; and using a result of the comparison to identify an abnormal state of the subject.
- 40. (New) A method, comprising: determining a physiological state of a heart of a human based on a signal generated by a resonant circuit that induces a magnetic field in the heart, wherein the resonant circuit is located only on a chest of the human and proximate to the heart.